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Routt National Forest Fish Biologist Recognized by American Fisheries Society

(LARAMIE, Wyo.) March 14, 2014 – Last week at the annual Colorado-Wyoming Chapter of the American Fisheries Society meeting in Laramie, Routt National Forest Fisheries Biologist Rick Henderson was recognized with the “Max” Award of Merit. In honor of Max Rollefson (Wyoming Game & Fish Department), this award recognizes professional accomplishment in management, administration, research or culture.

While he has accomplishments in each of the award categories, Henderson was specifically recognized for his outstanding professional accomplishments in fisheries resource management over the past several years. Since 2008 Henderson has effectively collaborated with engineers and hydrologists to design and replace 22 stream culverts that were in disrepair, undersized for high flows, or were barriers to fish passage. By correcting fish passage issues, more than 70 miles of stream habitat have been reconnected on the Routt National Forest, which is important for species such as Colorado River cutthroat trout.

“Rick has accomplished so much for fish and fisheries habitat during his time on the Forest,” said Forest Supervisor Phil Cruz. “We are fortunate to have such dedicated professionals like him across the Medicine Bow-Routt and Thunder Basin.”

While appreciative of the recognition, Henderson is quick to point out that the accomplishments were a team effort. According to Henderson, “This work was accomplished through extensive cooperation between numerous Forest Service staff, as well as our partners at Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Trout Unlimited and other organizations.”

Henderson has served as the South Zone Fisheries Biologist for the Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland since 2008. He has been a member of the American Fisheries Society since 1990.

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